





## Today's Advertisements.

### SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Western Division of the City of Victoria, who have not had their Premises LIME-WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which this work should be FINISHED ends on the 30th day of JUNE, 1901, and the Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to Stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above named Date.

By Order of the Board,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Acting Secretary.  
1st June, 1901. [598c]

NOTE.—The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.  
FOR FOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"  
Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [321c]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [591c]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

Captain Cox, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [592c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, PLYMOUTH AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, MADRAS, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"INDIA,"

Captain Ghizzo, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, P.M.

For Information as to Freight, apply to  
SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [596c]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"

Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric-light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [594c]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, the 6th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [593c]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANAGAWA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 11th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 14th instant, or claims in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [599c]

## Today's Advertisements.

### NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP in our FIRM of Mr. HENRY CRAWFORD and Mr. JOHN MCALLUM expired on 31st March, 1901. Mr. ALFRED HOLLAND SKELTON, Mr. DUNCAN CLARK and Mr. FRANCIS CUMING WILFORD were admitted as PARTNERS on 1st April, 1901.

J. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,  
Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [597c]

### NOTICE.

THE CITY HALL (including the Museum, Library and Theatre) will be CLOSED for a month from date for decoration and repairs.

The Chamber of Commerce and Brokers' Association will be OPEN as usual. All Communications should be addressed, and all Books on loan should be returned to the SECRETARY at the SUPREME COURT HOUSE.

By Order,  
F. B. L. BOWLEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 4th June, 1901. [599c]

### Intimations.

#### EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,  
Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at 16, Queen's Road Central, (H. HOUGHTON & Co.) (Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL). Business hours:—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of catarrhs and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight. Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dizziness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

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LIMITED.  
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#### AERATED WATERS IN THE FAR EAST.

OUR FACTORIES are constructed with every attention to the best principles that sanitary science can suggest; and our NEW FACTORY at WEST POINT is the LARGEST and BEST EQUIPPED in the FAR EAST.

A perfect System of Filtration is employed guaranteeing Absolute purity.

The Machinery used is of the Latest Type.

A STAFF OF ENGLISH EXPERTS attends to every detail of the Manufacture.

The Waters produced are of the highest class and excellence, as testified to by the best English makers.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong.

### The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1901.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

##### Our Sanitary Methods.

There is a great deal of sound common sense in E. J. E.'s suggestion that the coolie class receive some sort of compensation for the clothes and furniture that are destroyed when their homes are disinfected. If, as our correspondent states, the whole of the household belongings of these people are ruthlessly destroyed by the Sanitary Authorities, then certainly they are subjected to great hardship. But unfortunately E. J. E. has plunged into print, as do so many folk, without assuring himself of his facts.

On receipt of his letter we made enquiries of the Sanitary Authorities and found that the Chinese have not a tithe of reason for these complaints of theirs. As a matter of fact nothing is destroyed in any Chinese house but absolute rubbish. The furniture, if such it can be called, is of the scantiest description and is all thoroughly cleansed by the Sanitary Board's people and returned to the house. No clothing whatever is burnt or destroyed in any way, but is fumigated and returned to the owner. If it is

found necessary to burn or otherwise destroy anything to which any value can be attached, the Sanitary Authorities are authorised to pay for it, and payment can be obtained upon application.

As for E. J. E.'s reference to the hardship imposed upon the coolie who happens to be a family man, he has our sincerest sympathy, only the hardship, as described by E. J. E., does not exist. As a matter of fact the coolie who has a wife or child die of plague is, bar for the loss of the deceased, no worse off after the Sanitary Board has carried out its cleansing and disinfecting of his premises than before. And we would also point out to our correspondent that very, very few of the Hongkong coolies are married men or have families. In the average coolie house there is seldom or never a woman found, and, as a general rule, if a woman does inhabit one of these houses she is, to put the matter mildly, not like CAESAR'S wife.

We are assured by the Sanitary folk that in the bulk of cases, houses in which a plague case has occurred, are, amongst the lower classes, found deserted. Hence there is nobody to be compensated, even if the Board were to order the destruction of the whole of the contents. We give E. J. E. every credit for his good intentions, but we think that he should have carried his investigations a little further before he made his complaint. As matters now stand, anybody who has anything whatever destroyed by the Sanitary Authorities entitled to full and adequate compensation and can obtain the same on application. If the person in question is so foolish as to leave his house with a plague case in it and neglect to look after his property and apply for the compensation, if any, to which he is entitled, then he is not worthy of consideration and it would serve him right if every bit and stick of his furniture and clothing were carried into the street and burnt without enquiry of any sort. In plain language, the man who abides by the law and reports his plague case has nothing whatever to fear. He is treated justly and with every consideration. If he bolts and leaves his goods to look after themselves, he alone is to blame.

Since writing the above it has been pointed out to us that the Chinese class as "furniture" old wooden kerosene oil cases, and these are often found inside the kitchens of the houses, saturated with sewage, and are accordingly burnt.

Moreover the Chinese will have nothing to do with the effects of a person dead of plague, and insist on his bed boards and trunks being burnt. They also put the man's clothing into the rubbish cart, after it has been disinfected and returned to them, so that it may be destroyed.

The Sanitary Board Authorities inform us that they occasionally destroy odd bits of old furniture in houses which are found deserted, but never in houses in which there is a claimant for the stuff. Everything that can be disinfected by washing is so treated and only the filth and rubbish is removed for burning.

##### Apathy or Opposition?

Cannot the better class Chinese take some steps for crumming these facts down? The throats of their more ignorant countrymen? They say that they try to aid the Government in this respect, but somehow or other they seem to conceal their good works pretty effectually. We have never seen one of the circulars which they say they issue to reassure the coolie classes and we have never met anyone else who has. If the better class Chinese are taking such steps, we should be obliged if they would send a batch of their circulars to our office, when we will have them translated and published for the information of our readers. Until they do so we must be reluctantly compelled to believe that all their boasted assistance is so much empty talk. Had they been so energetic as they would have us believe from their speeches in the Sanitary Board and Legislative Council, we should have heard of it.

All we have heard of so far is a petition, which the Chinese are said to be preparing, in which the Colonial Government is to be entirely ignored. This petition, so far as we are able to gather, is to ask the Home Government to allow them to treat their plague cases in their own homes, in their own manner, and to carry infected persons into Chinese territory without let or hindrance. We can assure them that such underhand methods of attempting to get at the back of the Government will receive the fullest condemnation from us. We will oppose any such petition, unless properly presented through the Governor, tooth and nail, and will take care that the whole affair is shown up in the Home Press so that their insatiable desires may be defeated. The removing of plague patients into China aids the spread of the disease, for a man leaving here and carrying the disease to his own village may very well spread infection wholesale, and any one of our servants who comes from the same place may, in returning from a holiday, bring the disease back with him. We may mention that such cases have been recorded and we are informed that at the present time the number of plague cases arriving in Canton daily from Hongkong is from two to ten.

##### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

##### BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, June 1st.

It is rumoured that Commandant Botha is coming to Standerton for the purpose of communicating with Mr. Kruger. This, it is said, has been allowed as a favour obtained through the Dutch representative.

##### ACCOUAGEMENT OF THE QUEEN OF ITALY.

The Queen of Italy has been delivered of a daughter.

June 2nd.

##### ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Twenty delegates from the New York Chamber of Commerce, including Mr. Pierpont Morgan and other millionaires, visited Windsor Castle on Saturday, and were

received by the King and Queen. The visit is considered significant of the friendly relations existing between Great Britain and America.

##### MR. CONGER TO RETURN TO PEKING.

Mr. Conger, the United States Minister to China, will sail on the 7th July to resume his duties at Peking.

##### WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 4th at 11:55 a.m. the barometer has risen slightly at all stations. Pressure is highest over the N.E. coast of China, and the low pressure trough appears to be still lying across the N. part of the China Sea. Gradients slight to moderate for E. and N.E. winds on the China coast. Forecast:—Fresh E. winds; squally, showery.

##### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MANILA papers state that the city is plagued by swarms of locusts.

A QUANTITY of cases put forward by the Sanitary Board were taken this morning at the Police Court, and warnings, dismissals, and remands succeeded.

SHANGHAI papers say that the British river gunboat *Snipe* starts in a day or two for an extensive journey all round the Poyang and Tungting Lakes, "to show the flag" to the natives of the populous and important regions on these veritable inland seas.

The new temporary bar of the Siag Hotel was opened yesterday. Under the management of Mr. Barker who understands the importance of scrupulousness, cleanliness, civility, and purity of liquors, the ancient glory might return to a once well-known house of call.

At the Horse Bazaar Auction held at Shanghai on the 29th ult., Zaisong's spotted "Time" griffin fetched Tls. 1050 after a very spirited bidding. It is not within the recollection of the oldest sportsmen in Shanghai that a time griffin had fetched such a handsome price.

We draw our readers attention to the advertisement in another column of the well-known Green Island Cement Company, where it will be seen that the price of cement has been advanced 50 cents per cask and 30 cents per bag, of 375 lbs. and 250 lbs. respectively. The increase dates from June 1st.

We shall be obliged if any subscriber on receiving his paper late or irregularly will write on the Wrapper of the paper the Time of delivery, etc., and forward the Wrapper to the Manager, Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd., 50 Queen's Road Central. The wrapper will enable us to check the delivery copies.

ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT MALTA, says the *Daily Mail*, the 5th Battalion of the "Fighting Fifth" wore, as usual, red and white flowers. These happen to be the Maltese national colours, and the populace was surprised and delighted. The good feeling between the British and Maltese is greatly increasing.

The St. Lawrence Boar-Building Company have, states a Laffan telegram to London, received an order from Mr. G. L. Watson to reserve a giant timber for the *Shamrock's* spinakerboom. This will be the longest hollow spar ever carried. At the same time, it will be several hundred pounds lighter than any previously used by a Cup boat.

It may be noticed that we are publishing a Gazette of interest to the shipping community generally, giving the names of officers on leave, promotions, transfers, etc. We imagine it will be found useful by many shipping people here, who can see at a glance where their friends are at the time. We shall be much obliged for any information from our readers tending to keep the column up to date.

Two Chinese were charged and convicted this morning of having stolen a box from their employer. They were promptly apprehended and practically there was no defence. In face of the punishment of 6 weeks' imprisonment, one might picture two brawny ruffians of the criminal type, instead, two boys about 16 years of age. Would not a thorough good thrashing have better served the purpose?

The *Mercury* of the 29th ult., under "Notes from the Native Press" says:—Yesterday we chronicled the rebaptism of the Tsungli Yamen. The hopes we expressed that it was a case of baptismal regeneration are, perhaps, measurably near fulfilment. For the *Shen Pao* announces that the new Board is to consist of a Prince as President and two Presidents of Boards and Vice-Presidents of Boards. We suppose that the Ambassadors will deal with the Prince instead of the old Hydra.

The Manila Observatory reports:—"A slight earthquake was felt in Manila yesterday morning (29th ult.) at 3h 20m 46s. The initial shock, almost imperceptible, came from N. by E. A few seconds later occurred the principal oscillations, one from N. to S. with an amplitude of 1 deg. and another slighter from E.N.E. to W.S.W. The chief feature of this seismic wave consists in the rapid change of direction. These rapid changes constitute the principal cause of destruction in severe earthquakes. The total duration of the phenomenon was about 25 seconds."

HUMPH.—The meaning of the word "humph" was recently the subject of judicial decision in the Irish Court of Appeal. Mr. Justice Madden and Mr. Justice Boyd held that "humph," as used by Sir Walter Scott and Miss Austen in their novels, was an expression of dissent, while the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Burton inclined to the conclusion that "humph" only meant a "dissatisfied condition of the mind." The Court of Appeal has now decided that the word is "an expression of doubt or dissatisfaction" or, as Lord Justice Walker put it, in the words of the "Century Dictionary," "a grunt of dissatisfaction." Humph.

A DISTINGUISHED aeronaut in the person of Mr. P. A. Von Tassell arrived in Hongkong this morning. Mr. Von Tassell brings with him his balloon, parachute and all necessary gear. If arrangements can be made he proposes to make an ascent next Saturday. We wish him success.

MR HAZELAND sat this afternoon to hold an enquiry into the recent fire in the Beaconfield Arcade. Mr. Hastings of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings watched the case for the owner of the premises. Mr. Robinson was on behalf of the Insurance Company. Mr. Edwards da Rosa the lessee of the shop was sworn in and was being examined through an interpreter on our going to press.

If a few more cases are brought up such as that of yesterday, when a bluejacket was fined \$10 for striking a boy in the Hongkong Hotel—Mr. Bluejacket will have it brought home to him that he cannot go ashore into a decent place and have it all his own way. Behaving decently none would attempt to curtail his pleasures, but otherwise he must understand he will be punished. Humph!

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"When you have a touch of fever or feel real bad, and are not quite sure what is going to happen, call in at once Dr. Hennessy. The elder brother if you can, Dr. Threastar. His prescriptions are not hard to take and if a thimblefull every half hour is drunk—and if unable get a friend to pour it down—it may trouble your conscience as a teetotaler but it will surely keep you jiggling."

IN Edinburgh it is rumoured that the King is, and has been all along, strongly in favour of the completion of the national monument on Calton Hill, irreverently called "Auld Reekie's Folly." This notion of a national monument to commemorate the slain at Waterloo, on the model of the Pantheon at Athens, was first spoken of at a meeting of the Highland Society in 1816. It was estimated to cost £50,000, but the sum total raised was £14,000. On the occasion of the visit of George IV. to Edinburgh, in 1822, the foundation stone was laid by the Duke of Hamilton, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Only thirteen columns were erected; then funds ran short, and the work was stopped. There ought now to be, says the *Daily News*, enough public spirit in Edinburgh to ensure Playfair's plans being carried out.

A TRAGIC occurrence marked the conclusion of an eloquent sermon preached in the Cathedral of Nantes recently. According to Dalziel's Paris correspondent, the preacher delivered a discourse on death, and spoke with especial emphasis on the dangers of sudden death. He warned his hearers to be "always ready to die, and drew a vivid word-picture of the horrors attending sudden death when the victim was unprepared. Raising his hands in the attitude of benediction, he exclaimed, "Let us all give our prayers that the next person who is called away may be prepared to meet his Maker." The congregation, bowing their heads in prayer, heard the dull sound of a fall, and looking up, saw the pulpit was empty. At the foot of the steps leading to it, lay the body of the preacher, who had collapsed from heart disease, and fallen dead while imploring the prayers of the congregation for the next victim to sudden death.

THERE has lately been a deal of correspondence passing as to the efficiency of the coxswains on the Ferry Co's launches. Complaints are numerous also as to the coxswains one is able to secure for private boats and we think the present system of granting licences has a great deal to do with this. If a Chinese wishes, he passes he attends the Harbour Office and goes through a perfunctory verbal examination lasting a few minutes. If he has been attentive to his coach the day before and understands enough English to answer fairly correctly he, in nine cases out of ten, gets his certificate. Put that man on a steam launch, and when he has broken all your staunchions, stripped your copper off and smashed in the stem, you begin to understand what becomes of broken down coolies. Could not a practical test be made as well as an examination in the office? Let the Harbour Master lay in a good stock of launches in advance—he will want them all—and take the aspirants out for a trip in batches, first carefully insuring his life and property. The risk of loss would then rest in the proper place, not, as at present, with the private owner, who takes the certificate as a proof of practical competency.

WRITING of the Glasgow Exhibition, the correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—"Canada has certainly shown up well. Every exportable article that Canada produces, from freestone to furniture, is shown in a comprehensive exhibit, got together at the direction of the Dominion Government by Mr. W. D. Scott, of Ottawa. Gold ore from the Klondike, silver, copper, and lead ores from British Columbia, marbles, granites, building stone, coal, ironstone, and timbers and fruits from all parts of the Dominion, betray the mineral and natural resources of this most British of the British dependencies. In raw material there is hardly anything that Canada does not produce; in manufactured articles very little that she cannot produce. The exhibits of agricultural machinery show a distinct advance upon anything that is produced in this country, and for carriages of a particular build Canada would be hard to beat. One of her most recent industries—the production of wood-pulp for paper making—is represented by examples of pulp in all stages of making, and it would seem that the spruce forests of the Dominion are capable of infinite development, with care and due attention to reforesting. The timber productions of Canada are shown in every stage, from the natural tree-trunk to the turned and finished article of domestic furniture. And here the genius of the inventors across the water is shown in the numerous uses to which they have applied modern machinery and appliances. Their turnery is wonderful. Finest of all the exhibits in this section is the Canada trophy of grains and grasses. It takes the form of a sort of temple of Pomona, in which bunches of ripe grain, and beautiful devices of all sorts are employed in decoration. Mr. Hay, of the experimental farm at Ottawa, is responsible for this very striking display of the productiveness of the Canadian soil."

SMALL-POX is raging in Sambas (Borneo): a thousand deaths having been reported in the past three months.

THE Liverpool police, one Saturday night, recently caught red-handed a man who, after throwing pepper in the eyes of a lady in the public street, robbed her of her purse. That sort of trick is common enough here, says a Singapore paper.

##### CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

##### THE DUMPING OF BODIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,—It is really inconceivable that there should actually be persons like your correspondent "Disgusted" who value more the prejudices of an ignorant class of people than the health of the public! In the present trying times we are passing through, the danger of dumping dead bodies of plague-stricken Chinese in the streets cannot be overated, and I am sure all sensible persons will agree that no better suggestion than Q. E. F.'s for the suppression of such a "barbarous" practice could have been offered to the Sanitary Authorities, seeing that all other means have utterly failed to bring about this much-to-be-desired result, and that the sooner it is acted upon the better for all of us poor mortals, Chinese inclusive!

Your faithfully, Q. E. F.

Hongkong, June 3rd, 1901.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,—I believe much has been said by correspondence in your valuable paper re Dumping of Bodies by Chinese; but up to the present none of these good intentioned people have hit the right solution, or the cause, why do the Chinese throw plague cases in the streets? Some of the correspondents give their reason as superstitions, or religions, and to tell you the truth this is not the cause. Sir, I am sure you will admit that all the plague cases take place among the Chinese of the poorer class, and let us say for instance a case happens to a child of a coolie who is earning 40 cents a day, what do you expect to find in his house, but filthy furniture and rotten clothing, and the man has to support a family, he goes and reports the case to the police, the result is they go to his house burn his furniture and his clothes, and the man with his family has to find another house, but from where will he get the money to supply himself for the approaching winter? I suppose the answer will be that he must work, but could you expect a man to maintain a family with 40 cents a day and be able to get new furniture and clothes as well with that amount? No.

From these you will see that the poorer classes think they do very well by hiding plague cases; probably in time the whole family might die from the same disease and yet they prefer death than losing what is to them their wealth.

With regard to cremation I don't think it will stop this Dumping affair, because as a rule the Chinese do respect the dead, and as we find in this instance they throw the dead in the streets, it only shows that they don't care about those dead, let them be thrown in the sea, cremated, or do with them as you please.

Now Sir, what I propose is this. That the community foreign as well as Chinese should start a fund, the interest or the Capital to be in the hands of strong and well represented committee. If a Chinese comes forward and reports a case of plague and if it was found that his furniture and clothing should be burnt, let his case have a fair chance, he must either have money for what he has lost or let him have the same quantity of furniture and clothing. I am sure and almost certain this is only cure for the plague among the poorer classes of the Chinese.



Of course I do not mean to suggest that our German, French and American fellow Colonists should not be allowed to buy land, but I do think that no land should be sold to a Chinaman unless he becomes a British subject.

It will be interesting to see, when the last census returns are published, how many of the Chinese residents of Hongkong are British Subjects. I venture to say that a very small proportion of them will prove to be so. As a general rule no Chinaman becomes a British subject except for his own protection. They look upon the Colony as a good place to grow rich in by squeezing the foreigner and also as a very good refuge when their own land becomes too hot to hold them. Everybody must sympathize with the Reformers who are forced to take refuge here, but the thieves and rascals of all sorts who are shot on to this rubbish heap from China we could well do without.

Truly yours,  
BRITISHER.

Hongkong, June 4th, 1901.

#### CHINESE REPRESENTATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—Before you were talking about not allowing the Chinese a voice in the Government of the Colony you should have asked who pays the piper? The Chinese pay taxes just the same as the Europeans and as they are in the majority they pay more. It is, I believe, an English maxim that he who pays the piper calls the tune. Therefore the Chinese must naturally come first in Hongkong. You know well enough that you could not do without us and therefore we ought to be treated with more consideration. How would you like it if your house was turned out every time a Sanitary Inspector walked in and found you suffering from fever?

Yours respectfully,  
CHINAMAN.

Hongkong, June 4th, 1901.

#### OUR BUGBEAR?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—As a constant subscriber to your paper, I am shocked at reading your article entitled "Our Bugbear." Satisfied, at all times, that the views of things in general would be taken by you in a broad minded manner, I suddenly was confronted by an article advocating a narrow-minded, prejudiced and altogether foreign manner of dealing with the Chinese in this Colony of Victoria.

You start by assuming as a fact, what the ordinary man has barely a suspicion of, to wit, "That the Chinese can get all they want for the asking." Is this the case? I think not. The Chinese race, are certainly one of the most law abiding peoples of the earth, and the easiest governed, if their ancient customs are not interfered with, do not parade their wants, but would sooner suffer in silence than create discord. They, for ages the buffer of the world, have, with the wisdom of years, found that with quiet persistence, dogged perseverance, and tenacity of purpose, born and bred in the race, they acquire their ends in a logical manner. By the same qualities they, after repeatedly being overrun and conquered as a nation, have, in the end, conquered their conquerors. The Chinaman grinds slowly but he grinds exceeding small.

You instance the cases of Australia and America in dealing with this nation. These two countries have legislated in quite a different manner as to the treatment of Chinaman. Both countries recognised the fact that, in an European country the white man could not compete with "John" from over the water, and live and have his being as a white man should. Australia restricted immigration. America forbade it. It is a moot point if it were his virtues or his vices the two countries were most afraid of.

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I remain, Sir,  
Yours, &c.,  
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Hongkong, June 4th, 1901.

#### WHAT ARE THE POLICE DOING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—You must indeed be very simple if you fail to see how a beachcomber can elude justice for a week. The explanation is simplicity itself. Our Police are engaged their whole time in assisting the Opium Farmer to search for illicit opium, running in coolies for gambling for cents and dogging public servants round the town to see if they are accepting bribes. When not thus employed they are watching houses where plague is known not to exist to see that no bodies are thrown out. This is the case as seen by.

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The Return Billiard Match "Police and H.M.S. Tamar" took place at the Royal Naval Club, Saturday 1st June, commencing at 2 p.m. Some fine play was witnessed; and ended in an easy win for the Police.

Special mention may be made of Sergeant Wilkinson's efforts on behalf of H.M.S. "Tamar's" Team.

After dinner, which was well served by the manager of the R.N. Club, a smoking concert was commenced, Mr. Quance, R.N. presiding.

The programme was opened with a cornet solo "The Lost Chord" which was effectively rendered by Mr. H. Barker, R.N. Lt. Bandmaster H.M.S. "Tamar." Two songs, "Jack's the Boy" and "What could the poor girl do?" Mr. Withers, were much enjoyed. A recitation "The Dover Express" by Mr. Soloway, caused great amusement. A clarinet solo "Theme" by Mr. Lanham, was well rendered and encircled. The duet "Larboard Watch" by Mr. Trinitich and Mr. George was charmingly performed. Songs of a grand order followed, after which a step dance by L. Sergt. Kelly was much enjoyed. Mr. Barker and Sergt. Roe were the accompanists. The programme concluded with "He's a jolly good fellow" and God save the King.

#### BRITISH CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

"We have received the following letter for publication:—"

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
4th June, 1901.

Sir,—I am directed to inform you that a British Congress on Tuberculosis will be held in London on the 22nd July, 1901, and that any one who may wish to attend the Congress or to support it financially can obtain full particulars on applying at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

#### AT THE MAGISTRACY.

OPIMUM CASE.  
San Kam Sam's bail was exonerated this morning on his non-appearance in answering to a charge of illegal possession.

#### STEALING.

Ip Sui and Wong Shun were charged with stealing a leather box containing jewellery and clothing. Wong Uk Pan said the prisoners left his service and almost immediately he discovered the loss of his box. He reported it to the police and on the arrest of Defendants, found them wearing bangles belonging to him. The 1st Defendant was stolen by the 1st Defendant who pawned them and gave him \$7.00. The punishment given was six weeks' imprisonment.

#### A MOST UNUSUAL EVENT.

Yeung Sin was charged with attempting to commit suicide by throwing herself into the harbour. The woman, after being four years in regular service, attempted suicide some time ago; she was sent to the asylum and on being liberated by Dr. Bell at once went and jumped into the harbour. A small boy, seeing her, dived in and rescued her; on the facts coming before the magistrate the youthful hero was awarded \$3.00. We are pleased to note this, as not one Chinaman in a thousand, much less a small boy, would rescue anyone from the "water devils." The woman was remanded for medical inspection.

#### HOME, SWEET HOME.

Chan Fuk was banished on the 4th but "the cat came back." He will now stay for a year with hard labour to amuse him.

#### OPIMUM.

Hu Chung, coolie was fined \$350 or 4 months for having a quantity of opium in his possession.

#### THE PLAGUE.

Number of cases reported (Chinese) 973  
up till noon of the 3rd Other Asiatics 27  
June, 1901 Europeans 13  
Number of cases reported (Chinese) 24  
during the past 24 hours Other Asiatics 2  
Europeans 0  
Total number of cases reported to date 1,037

Number of deaths reported (Chinese) 922  
up till noon of the 3rd Other Asiatics 18  
June, 1901 Europeans 5  
Number of deaths reported (Chinese) 29  
during the past 24 hours Other Asiatics 2  
Europeans 0

Total number of deaths recorded to date 976  
Since noon on Saturday last the cases and deaths are:—

Cases Chinese 77  
Other Asiatics 4  
European 0  
Total 81

Deaths Chinese 76  
Other Asiatics 4  
European 0  
Total 80

The plague returns for last week were:—  
Deaths 215  
Cases 207  
The returns for 1st June, 1894, were:—  
Total deaths to date 827  
New cases in previous 24 hours 74  
Deaths in previous 24 hours 92  
Patients under treatment 1189

We are pleased to announce that the Europeans now in Kennedy Town Hospital are all doing well, but regret to hear the Paracete caretaker of the City Hall passed away yesterday.

It is satisfactory to know that, in the face of the prevailing epidemic, not a single case of plague has been reported from the thousands who work in the public market in Queen's Road. We congratulate Inspector Cotton of the Sanitary Board, who is in charge, on this result.

#### THE MISSIONARY INDEMNITY.

REV. T. RICHARD ASKED TO ADVISE.

Rev. Timothy Richard, who was the other day telegraphed for to go to Shansi by the governor Tsen Chun Hsuan, of that province, has arrived at Peking, says the *New Press* of 30th ult. We now learn that he has since abandoned the mission to Shansi because he has been asked by Viceroy Li Hung Chang to remain at Peking to advise him how to avoid the missionary disputes in future by arranging a special treaty.

We also learn that instead of his going to Shansi, he has since entrusted to the two missionaries there the task of concluding the amount of indemnity with Governor Tsen Chun Hsuan. This indemnity is to be paid to the families of those who were massacred by the notorious Yu Hsien last year.

We agree with some of the western statesmen that the missionaries in China were at any rate one of the causes of the recent crisis. It is therefore hoped that this energetic and respected missionary will, think of some new suggestions that will lead to the cessation of future conflicts between the Christians and non-Christians.

#### THE TROOPS AT PEKING

The *Universal Gazette* says that before the American troops, except 150 legion guards, left Peking they handed their quarter of the city over to the British and Germans. The American, British and Japanese troops administered their quarters with many letters of thanks. But they did not give any such letters to the German, French or Russian troops. There were some men, however, who for their own purposes presented to these letters of thanks. The Italian and Austro-Hungarian troops do not call for special mention. The

Russian troops have already withdrawn to Shan-bai-kwan. The Russians distributed rice amongst poor people, while the Japanese sold their rice in their region. The business in the Japanese quarter is most prosperous and these people can get anything they want. The British and American quarters come next. In the French and German quarters it was only quite recently that certain shops opened at all. The Russians have now no quarter of their own. The Austrians wishing to get a larger legion quarter, drive the natives away from their residences and people are raising a great wall over their spoliation. The Temple of Heaven is now guarded by British troops, while the French hold the Temple of Earth. *China Gazette*.

#### THE POVERTY-STRIKEN GOVERNMENT.

LIBERAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SALT MERCHANTS.

Some weeks ago the acting Governor Yu Lien Yuan of Chekiang called for the head merchants of the salt gabelle to assemble at his Yamen and asked for their contributions in money to fill up the empty purse of the Imperial government.

According to a Hangchow despatch just received here, we learn that the head salt merchants, after having held a meeting to deliberate over the question among themselves, have arrived at a decision to contribute 200,000 taels towards the expenses of the Refugee Court now at Hsianlu. We further learn that they have also approved of the increase in the salt gabelle payable to the Imperial government. But in view of the imputation of foreign salt into China, these merchants have petitioned governor Yu on the subject praying him to communicate with Viceroy Li Hung Chang to take steps to prevent this importation. *New Press*.

#### SPECIAL WIRES TO THE "SHANGHAI MERCURY."

RUSSIA AGREES TO MIXED COMMISSION. LONDON, 20th May, 5.45 p.m.

Dr. Morrison, the *Times* correspondent in Peking, telegraphs that paper that Russia agrees with the British proposal for a mixed commission, and is also expected to agree with the British proposals as to the method of payment of the indemnity.

COMMISSION APPARENTLY ASSURED. MINISTERS PROPOSE HEADS OF BANKS AS MEMBERS.

A telegram to Paris says the Peking Ministers unanimously wish the Commission to be composed of the heads of foreign banks to be named by each Government.

[On the 23rd instant our London telegram gave the following as the British suggestions, the acceptance of which by Russia and presumably other Powers is now advised:—

Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Lords, that H.M. Government has suggested that China pay the Powers in kind representing the indemnities due them, and earmark certain sources of Chinese revenue as set aside for the interest on the bonds, the yield being paid to a special receiving Board for distribution among the creditor Powers. The advantage of this arrangement is that if China defaults in payment the Powers affected would collectively take such concerted action as assured and compelled payment.—Ed., S.M.]

#### A WELL DESERVED APPOINTMENT.

YUAN SHIH-KAI APPRECIATES TONG TAOTAI.

A despatch from Chinanfu, the capital of Shantung, states that H.E. Yuan Shih-kai, the Governor of that province, has recently appointed Taotai S.Y. Tong, Chinese Consul in Seoul during the China Japan war in 1894 and ex-Managing Director of the Imperial Railway of North China, as head of the newly established Bureau of Commercial Affairs of Shantung province with three local well-known merchants who were also appointed by governor Yuan, as his assistants. It will be remembered that Tong Taotai speaks English quite fluently. He went to America, when he was in childhood, as his father was at the time a merchant there. The nick-name "Ajax" given to him by his classmates while he was in America is known by many foreigners in the north. It is understood that Tong Taotai will later on carry into effect ventures such as the development of mines and the establishment of banks in Shantung. In the meantime it is his intention to start several steam-launches running between Chefoo and the inland districts. *New Press*.

#### PORT ARTHUR.

(From Native Paper.)

Extra precautions are being taken nightly by the Russians who play their search lights upon the entrance lest the ships of other countries should secretly obtain an entrance. It seems that in the Post Office it is allowable to open all suspected letters. Recently the Post Office authorities opened a letter written by an American in which an accurate description of the forts and garrison was set forth for the information of Americans. The writer was at once arrested and imprisoned. He got a friend to inform his Consul of his awkward predicament. The Consul telegraphed his Minister, and his Minister telegraphed his home Government. The home Government telegraphed to the American Minister to Russia and he saw the Russian foreign Minister, the final result being the release of the prisoner after more than three weeks incarceration. All newspapers foreign and Chinese must first pass the official censor. If there is anything adjudged to be detrimental to Russia the paper is promptly suppressed.

Lately three Chinese were falsely accused and condemned to death by the Russian Court. But a certain Chinese named Chi telegraphed to the Russian home Government. He received a favourable reply just as the three men were about to be hanged. It is said that Mr. Chi was originally a coolie from Shantung, but he has now amassed great wealth and is held in such high honour that he has been admitted as a Russian citizen. *Shanghai Mercury*.

#### THE JAPANESE BANKS.

Several banks in Osaka were kept disagreeably busy on the 21st ultimo meeting calls of anxious depositors. The Tokai Bank paid out yen 50,000 and the Kiokura Bank yen 250,000. The latter bank borrowed yen 200,000 of the Konoike Bank and yen 300,000 of the Bank of Japan and was thus enabled to meet all calls.

The Tokai Bank, which is actually a branch of the Tokai Bank, was rushed by creditors during the day. The Fureichi Bank, which has paid out yen 40,000 about since Tuesday last, was rumoured to be in difficulties; but the Naniwa Bank is rendering assistance and no danger is expected. The total liabilities of the bank are yet 187,000 of which yen 130,000 is for current deposits. *New Press*.

The 58th Bank was rushed on Tuesday and Wednesday; but sufficient funds were procured to meet the calls.

The *Kobe Shimbun* reports that Mr. Muneakata Hannosuke, sole agent for the Onoda Cement Co., closed his office unexpectedly on the 18th inst. and went off somewhere without leaving word of any kind. His present whereabouts is unknown. The total amount of his liabilities at the end of March last stood at yen 213,000 and most of the notes were endorsed by the Onoda Cement Co. The company and some banks are understood to be heavy sufferers by his disappearance.

The Kawagoye Ginko, which closed its doors recently, is being sued for payment of a sum of 23 yen. The Nara Commercial Bank was sued for yen 1,000 and the Bank's property was attached. Four safes and various articles of furniture were attached by the Bailiffs on the 21st inst.; but the estimated value did not come up to the amount claimed. *Kobe Herald*.

#### NETHERLANDS-INDIA ITEMS.

(From Straits papers.)

Great activity is shown in fortifying the country along the coast at Batavia. It is intended to utilise pensioners as guards in these fortifications in time of peace. In time of war, the troops detached to garrison them will be held in readiness at Batavia to hasten to their posts at the first alarm. Another idea that has found favour is to encourage the growth of brushwood around the forts so as to conceal them from the enemy.

The Samarang *Luchtvaart* warns the public there against Lucifer matches made in Japan and counsels people to be careful in using such matches as are in boxes bearing the figures of dragons, snakes, crabs, and so forth. They light too readily and even kindle on the box being shaken.

Captain Proper, an officer of the Netherlands India army, has been sent to Peking to inquire into the best way of fortifying the Dutch Legation there. The investigation is expected to take three months.

Five Dutch sailors have arrived at Batavia who had been engaged by the Russian Government to take a dredger out to Port Arthur. They were packed off from there to Netherlands India with insufficient passage money. The *Batavia Nieuwsblad* remarks that this is the first time since a thing has happened. In December last the same treatment befel four Dutch sailors and, in April last, five more sailors. These men have had to be sent back by the Java Government to Holland as distressed seamen.

#### NOTANDA.

##### CALENDAR.

##### JUNE.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1895.

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Barometer   | 29.754 |
| Thermometer | 80.7   |
| Humidity    | 83.0   |
| Rainfall    | 16.496 |

##### TO-DAY.

| Barometer   | 29.82 | On date at 4 p.m. |
|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| Temperature | 75    | 79                |
| Humidity    | 78    | 78                |
| Rainfall    | 0.01  | —                 |

##### TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 4th June, 1901.  
Chinese—18th of 4th moon of 27th year of Kwang-shi.  
Sun—Rises 5hr. 16min.  
Sets 5hr. 39min.  
High water—Morning 5hr. 39min.  
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##### ANNIVERSARIES.

1859—The Austrians defeated by the French at the Battle of Magenta.  
1886—Franco-Korean Treaty signed at Seoul.  
1887—German schooner *Wilhelm Meyer* burnt in Takow Harbour.  
1894—Death of Capt. Vesey from plague.  
1897—The West River opened to foreign trade.  
1898—H.M.S. *Pique* left for England.  
1899—Hyogo Canal in Japan opened.

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1897—Baptism of Ethelbert by Augustine.  
1861—Attack on the British Embassy at Tokio.  
1875—Departure of the first P. & O. steamer from Hongkong for San Francisco.  
1891—Anti-foreign riot at Wusueh; Messrs. Argent and Green murdered.  
1897—Anglo-Chinese Agreement signed at Peking.  
1898—400 houses destroyed by fire at Kirim.  
1899—H of C pass bill for £30,000 to Lord Kitchener.  
1899—Viceroy Liu receives edict to oppose European landing on his coast.  
1900—Capture of Pretoria officially reported by Earl Roberts.

##### AGENDA.

##### TO-DAY.

Cargo ex *Glenloch* subject to rent.

##### TO-MORROW.

Noon—C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* leaves for Vancouver B.C. via Shanghai, etc.  
Noon—E. & A. Co.'s steamer *Arctia* leaves for Kobe.  
Cargo ex *Strasbourg* subject to rent.

##### THURSDAY, 6th.

4 p.m.—I. C. Co.'s steamer *Yuenyang* leaves for Manila.  
Cargo ex *Nippon Maru* subject to rent.

##### FRIDAY, 7th.

Daylight—N. Y. K. steamer *Tosa Maru* leaves for Yokohama, (direct).  
(About) P. O. Co.'s steamer *Chusan* leaves for Shanghai.  
5 p.m.—C. M. Co.'s steamer *Perla* leaves for Manila.

##### SATURDAY, 8th.

Noon—P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Comorandel* with mails etc. leaves for Europe.

##### SUNDAY, 9th.

Daylight—O. S. K. Co.'s steamer *Daijin Maru* leaves for Coast Ports.  
Cargo ex *Jaya* subject to rent.

##### MONDAY, 10th.

4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Kaga Maru* leaves for Victoria B.C. and Seattle U.S.A. via Shanghai, etc.  
Cargo ex *Chigawa* subject to rent.

#### TUESDAY, 11th.

5.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club in the Cricket Club Pavilion.  
Noon—T. K. K. steamer *Nippon Maru* leaves for San Francisco via Shanghai, etc.

#### WEDNESDAY, 12th.

Daylight—The O. S. K. Co.'s steamer *Anping Maru* leaves for Anping, via Swatow and Amoy.

#### SHIPPING GAZETTE.

In future the *Telegraph* shipping form supplied to Captains of vessels will contain a heading for notices of officers and engineers transferred or on leave, etc. Friends will much oblige by giving this information:—  
May 29th.

#### Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Wassong*, from Shanghai to Chinese.  
Per *Chelydra*, from Calcutta, &c.—Miss Logan, Messrs. Vantassel, Walker, Jessensohn, Chopard, and 690 Chinese.  
Per *Kongkwa Maru*, from London, &c.—Mrs. Dunsterville, Miss Theaker, Sheibonnet, Messrs. O. Michael, Dunnis, Mr. and Mrs. Binesse, Miss Binesse, Messrs. Ainslie and Sayematsu.  
Per *Yuenyang*, from Manila—Messrs. Enigdio Tapia, R. J. Little, Miss G. Cutler, Messrs. Dy Chinnamoy and servant, E. W. Clark, Tan Chee, H. Hasard, J. F. Patterson, U. K. Ammer, J. D. Robnett, C. J. Peoples, W. K. Bowne, Mrs. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kerr, Messrs. O. J. Mossly, Louis Schloss, H. Price, and 57 Chinese.  
Per *Changsha*, from Kobe—Messrs. Mackay and Garret.  
Per *Loongmoon*, from Shanghai—Capt. H. Schlicker, Lieut. A. Rowan, Misses Lee, Carrington, Messrs. Clitherow, Carlton, Taylor, and 34 Chinese.  
Per *Bormida*, from Singapore—Messrs. De Albertis, Signory, and 74 Chinese.

#### SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain T. Moore, of the steamship *Changsha*, from Kobe, reports:—Light winds and fine weather throughout.  
Captain J. W. Ekstrand, of the steamship *Kaga Maru*, from Yokohama, reports:—Moderate breeze and fine throughout.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

Capt. P. M. B. Lake, of the steamship *Hin Sang*, from Hongay, reports:—Moderate N.E. winds and cloudy weather throughout.

#### MAILED DUE.

French (*Sydney*) to-morrow.  
English (*Chusan*) 6th instant.  
American (*Peru*) 9th instant.  
German (*Kiautschow*) 11th instant.  
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 17th instant.  
American (*Coptic*) 18th instant.

#### MAILS DUE.

The H. A. L. steamer *C. Ferd. Laeisz*, from Hamburg left Singapore for this port to-day, the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 10th inst.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Kiautschow* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 13th May left Singapore on Friday p.m., the 31st ult., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 11th inst.

#### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURN.

| U.S.S. Bennington | at Kowloon Dock |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Union             | "               |
| Hesper            | "               |
| St. Enoch         | "               |
| Prometheus        | "               |
| Junco             | "               |
| Jersey            | "               |
| Burnside          | "               |
| Meade             | "               |
| Atlanta           | "               |
| Colonies          | "               |
| Albatross         | "               |
| Muncher           | "               |
| Simangan          | "               |
| Universe          | "               |

#### PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—14th May—Benlawers, *Glaucus*, *Malaya*, *Hudson*, *Sydney*, *Sambila*, 17th May—*Albatross*, *Alcinous*, *Rhein*, *Crusader*, *Deonshire*, *Imogene*, 24th May—*Istion*,



Of course I do not mean to suggest that our German, French and American fellow Colonists should not be allowed to buy land, but I do think that no land should be sold to a Chinaman unless he becomes a British subject.

It will be interesting to see, when the last census returns are published, how many of the Chinese residents of Hongkong are British Subjects. I venture to say that a very small proportion of them will prove to be so. As a general rule no Chinaman becomes a British subject except for his own protection. They look upon the Colony as a good place to grow rich in by squeezing the foreigner and also as a very good refuge when their own land becomes too hot to hold them. Everybody must sympathize with the Reformers who are forced to take refuge here, but the thieves and rascals of all sorts who are shot on to this rubbish heap from China we could well do without.

Truly yours,  
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#### CHINESE REPRESENTATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."  
DEAR SIR—Before you went talking about not allowing the Chinese a voice in the Government of the Colony you should have asked who pays the pipe? The Chinese pay taxes just the same as the Europeans and as they are in the majority they pay more. It is, I believe, an English maxim that he who pays the pipe calls the tune. Therefore the Chinese must naturally come first in Hongkong. You know well enough that you could not do without us and therefore we ought to be treated with more consideration. How would you like it if your house was turned out every time a Sanitary Inspector walked in and found you suffering from fever?

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Special mention may be made of Sergeant Wilkinson's efforts on behalf of H.M.S. "Tamar's" Team.

After dinner, which was well served by the manager of the R.N. Club, a smoking concert was commenced, Mr. Quance, R.N. presiding.

"The programme was opened with a cornet solo 'The Lost Chord' which was effectively rendered by Mr. H. Barker, R.N., Lt. Bandmaster H.M.S. Aurora. Two songs 'Jack's the Boy' and 'Mr. Whithers' were much enjoyed. A recitation 'The Dover Express' by Mr. Soloway, caused great amusement. A clarinet solo 'Theme' by Mr. Lanham, was well rendered and encored. The duet 'Lullaby Watch' by Mr. Trinit, and Mr. George was charmingly performed. Songs of a grand order followed, after which a step dance by L. Sergt. Kelly was much enjoyed. Mr. Barker and Sergt. Ross were the accompanists. The programme concluded with 'He's a jolly good fellow' and God save the King.

#### BRITISH CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

We have received the following letter for publication:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
4th June, 1901.  
Sir—I am directed to inform you that a British Congress on Tuberculosis will be held in London on the 22nd July, 1901, and that any one who may wish to attend the Congress or to support it financially can obtain full particulars on applying at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

#### AT THE MAGISTRACY.

OPPIUM CASE.  
San, Kam Sam's bail was exonerated this morning on his non-appearance in answering to a charge of illegal possession.

STEALING.  
Ip Sui and Wong Shun were charged with stealing a leather box containing jewellery and clothing. Wong Uk Pan said the prisoners left his service and almost immediately he discovered the loss of his box. He reported it to the police and on the arrest of Defendants, found them wearing bangles belonging to him. The 1st Defendant had no defence. The 2nd stated the goods were stolen by the 1st Defendant who pawned them and gave him \$7.00. The punishment given was six weeks' imprisonment.

#### A MOST UNUSUAL EVENT.

Young Sin was charged with attempting to commit suicide by throwing herself into the harbour. The woman, after being four years in regular service, attempted suicide some time ago; she was sent to the asylum and on being liberated by Dr. Bell at once went and jumped into the harbour. A small boy, seeing her, dived in and rescued her; on the facts coming before the magistrate, the youthful hero was awarded \$2.00. We are pleased to note this, as not one Chinaman in a thousand, much less a small boy, would rescue anyone from the "water devils." The woman was remanded for medical inspection.

#### HOME, SWEET HOME.

Chan Fuk was banished on the 4th but "he came back." He will now stay for a year with hard labour to amuse him.

#### OPPIUM.

Hu Chung, coolie was fined \$350 or 4 months for having a quantity of opium in his possession.

#### THE PLAGUE.

Number of cases reported Chinese ..... 973  
up till noon of the 3rd June, 1901 ..... 13  
Number of cases reported Chinese ..... 24  
during the past 24 hours ..... 0  
Total number of cases reported to date 1,037

Number of deaths reported Chinese ..... 922  
up till noon of the 3rd June, 1901 ..... 5  
Number of deaths reported Chinese ..... 29  
during the past 24 hours ..... 0  
Total number of deaths recorded to date 976

Since noon on Saturday last the cases and deaths are:—

Cases Chinese ..... 77  
Other Asiatics ..... 4  
Europeans ..... 0  
Total ..... 81

Deaths Chinese ..... 76  
Other Asiatics ..... 4  
Europeans ..... 0  
Total ..... 80

The plague returns for last week were:—  
Cases ..... 215  
Deaths ..... 207  
The returns for 1st June, 1894, were:—  
Total deaths to date ..... 827  
New cases in previous 24 hours ..... 72  
Deaths in previous 24 hours ..... 94  
Patients under treatment ..... 189

We are pleased to announce that the Europeans now in Kennedy Town Hospital are all doing well, but regret to hear the Persian caretaker of the City Hall, passed away yesterday.

It is satisfactory to know that, in the face of the prevailing epidemic, not a single case of plague has been reported from the thousands who work in the public market in Queen's Road. We congratulate Inspector Cotton of the Sanitary Board, who is in charge, on this result.

#### THE MISSIONARY INDEMNITY.

REV. T. RICHARD ASKED TO ADVISE.

Rev. Timothy Richard, who was the other day telegraphed for to go to Shansi by the governor Tsen Chun Hsuan, of that province, has arrived at Peking, says the *New Press* of 30th ult. We now learn that he has since abandoned the mission to Shansi because he has been asked by Viceroy Li Hung Chang to remain at Peking to advise him how to avoid the missionary disputes in future by arranging a special treaty.

We also learn that, instead of his going to Shansi, he has since entrusted to the two missionaries there the task of concluding the amount of indemnity with Governor Tsen Chun Hsuan. This indemnity is to be paid to the families of those who were massacred by the notorious Yu Hsien last year.

We agree with some of the western statesmen that the missionaries in China were at any rate one of the causes of the recent crisis. It is therefore hoped that this energetic and respected missionary will think of some new suggestions that will lead to the cessation of future conflicts between the Christians and non-Christians.

#### THE TROOPS AT Peking.

The *Universal Gazette* says that before the American troops, except 150 legation guards, left Peking they handed their quarter of the city over to the British and Germans. The American, British and Japanese troops administered their quarters so well that the people there presented them with many letters of thanks. But they did not give any letters to the German, French or Russian troops. There were some men, however, who for their own purposes presented to these letters of thanks. The Italian and Austro-Hungarian troops do not call for special mention. The

Russian troops have already withdrawn to Shan-hai-kwan. The Russians distributed rice amongst poor people, while the Japanese sold rice in their region. The business in the Japanese quarter is most prosperous and these people can get anything they want. The British and American quarters come next. In the French and German quarters it was only quite recently that shops opened at all. The Russians are now no quarter of their own. The Austrians wishing to get a larger legation quarter, drive the natives away from their residences and people are raising a great wall over their spoliation. The Temple of Heaven is now guarded by British troops, while the French hold the Temple of Earth.—*China Gazette*.

#### THE POVERTY-STRIKEN GOVERNMENT.

LIBERAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SALT MERCHANTS.

Some weeks ago the acting Governor Yu Lien Yuan of Chekiang called for the head merchants of the salt gabelle to assemble at his Yamen and asked for their contributions in money to fill up the empty purse of the Imperial government.

According to a Hangchow despatch just received here, we learn that the head salt merchants, after having held a meeting to deliberate over the question among themselves, have arrived at a decision to contribute 200,000 taels towards the expenses of the Refugee Camp now at Hsianfu. We further learn that they have also approved of the increase in the salt gabelle payable to the Imperial government. But in view of the importation of foreign salt into China, these merchants have petitioned governor Yu on the subject praying him to communicate with Viceroy Li Kun-yi to take steps to prevent this importation.—*New Press*.

#### SPECIAL WIRES TO THE "SHANGHAI MERCURY."

RUSSIA AGREES TO MIXED COMMISSION.

LONDON, 20th May, 5.45 p.m.  
Dr. Morrison, the *Times* correspondent in Peking, telegraphs that paper that Russia agrees with the British proposal for a mixed commission, and is also expected to agree with the British proposals as to the method of payment of the indemnity.

#### COMMISSION APPARENTLY ASSURED.

MINISTERS PROPOSE HEADS OF BANKS AS MEMBERS.

A telegram to Paris says the Peking Ministers unanimously wish the Commission to be composed of the heads of foreign banks to be named by each Government.

On the 23rd instant our London telegram gave the following as the British suggestions, the acceptance of which by Russia and presumably other Powers is now advised:—

"Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Lords, that H.M. Government, has suggested that China pay the Powers in bonds representing the indemnities due them, and earmark certain sources of Chinese revenue as set aside for the interest on the bonds, the yield being paid to a special receiving Board for distribution among the creditor Powers. The advantage of this arrangement is that if China defaults in payment the Powers affected would collectively take such concerted action as assured and compelled payment."—*Ed., S.M.*

#### A WELL DESERVED APPOINTMENT.

YUAN SHIH-KAI APPRECIATES TONG TAOTAI.

A despatch from Chinanfu, the capital of Shantung, states that H.E. Yuan Shih-kai, the Governor of that province, has recently appointed Taotai S.Y. Tong, Chinese Consul in Seoul during the Chino Japan war in 1894 and ex-Managing Director of the Imperial Railway of North China, as head of the newly established Bureau of Commercial Affairs of Shantung province with three local well-known merchants who were also appointed by governor Yuan, as his assistants. It will be remembered that Tong Taotai speaks English quite fluently. He went to America when he was in childhood, as his father was at the time a merchant there. The 'nick-name' 'Ajax' given to him by his classmates while he was in America is known to many foreigners in the north. It is understood that Tong Taotai will later on carry into effect ventures such as the development of mines, and the establishment of banks in Shantung. In the meantime it is his intention to start several steam launches running between Chefoo and the inland districts.—*New Press*.

#### PORT ARTHUR.

(From Native Paper.)

Extra precautions are being taken nightly by the Russians who play their search lights upon the entrance lest the ships of other countries should secretly obtain an entrance. It is reported that in the Post Office it is allowable to open all letters. Recently the Post Office authorities opened a letter written by an American in which an accurate description of the forts and garrison was set forth for the information of Americans. The writer was at once arrested and imprisoned. He got a friend to inform his Consul of his awkward predicament. The Consul telegraphed his Minister, and his Minister telegraphed his home Government. The home Government telegraphed to the Russian Minister to Russia and he saw the Russian foreign Minister, the final result being the release of the prisoner after more than three weeks' incarceration. All newspapers foreign and Chinese must first pass the official censor. If there is anything adjudged to be detrimental to Russia the paper is promptly suppressed.

Lately three Chinese were falsely accused and condemned to death by the Russian Court. But a certain Chinese named Chi telegraphed to the Russian home Government. He received a favourable reply just as the three men were about to be hanged. It is said that Mr. Chi was originally a coolie from Shantung, but he has now amassed great wealth and is held in such high honour that he has been admitted as a Russian citizen.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

#### THE JAPANESE BANKS.

Several banks in Osaka were kept disagreeably busy on the 21st ult. in meeting calls of anxious depositors. The Tokai Bank paid out yen 50,000 and the Kiokan Bank yen 250,000. The latter bank borrowed yen 200,000 of the Konokai Bank and yet 300,000 of the Bank of Japan and was thus enabled to meet all calls.

The Tokai Bank, which is actually a branch of the Tokai Bank, was rushed by creditors during the day. The Fureichi Bank, which has paid out yen 40,000 about since Tuesday last, was rumoured to be in difficulties, but the Naniwa Bank is rendering assistance and no danger is expected. The total liabilities of the bank are yen 187,000 of which yen 130,000 is for current deposits.

The 58th Bank was rushed on Tuesday and Wednesday; but sufficient funds were procured to meet the calls.

The *Kobe Shinbun* reports that Mr. Muekatka Hannosuke, sole agent for the Onoda Cement Co., closed his office unexpectedly on the 18th inst. and went off somewhere without leaving word of any kind. His present whereabouts is unknown. The total amount of his liabilities at the end of March last stood at yen 233,000 and most of the notes were endorsed by the Onoda Cement Co. The company and some banks are understood to be heavy sufferers by his disappearance.

The Kawagoe Ginko, which closed its doors recently, is being sued for payment of a sum of 23 yen. The Nara Commercial Bank was sued for yen 1,000 and the Bank's property was attached. Four safes and various articles of furniture were attached by the Bailiffs on the 21st inst.; but the estimated value did not come up to the amount claimed.—*Kobe Herald*.

#### NETHERLANDS-INDIA ITEMS.

(From Straits papers.)

Great activity is shown in fortifying the country along the coast at Batavia. It is intended to utilise pensioners as guards in these fortifications in time of peace. In time of war, the troops detached to garrison them will be in readiness at Batavia to hasten to their posts at the first alarm. Another idea that has found favour is to encourage the growth of brushwood around the forts so as to conceal them from the enemy.

The Samarang *Locomotief* warns the public there against lucifer matches made in Japan, and counsels people to be careful in using such matches as are in boxes bearing the figures of dragons, snakes, crabs, and so forth. They light too readily and even kindle on the box being shaken.

Captain Proper, an officer of the Netherlands India army, has been sent to Peking to inquire into the best way of fortifying the Dutch Legation there. The investigation is expected to take three months.

Five Dutch sailors have arrived at Batavia who had been engaged by the Russian Government to take a dredger out to Port Arthur. They were packed off from there to Netherlands India with insufficient passage money. The *Batavia Nieuwsblad* remarks that this is not the first time such a thing has happened. In December last the same treatment befell four Dutch sailors and, in April last, five more sailors. These men have had to be sent back by the Java Government to Holland as distressed seamen.

#### NOTANDA.

##### CALENDAR.

##### JUNE.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years observations to 1895.  
Barometer ..... 29.764  
Thermometer ..... 80.7  
Humidity ..... 83.0  
Rainfall ..... 16.496

##### TO-DAY.

Barometer ..... 29.82  
Thermometer ..... 75  
Humidity ..... 78  
Rainfall ..... 0.01

##### TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 4th June, 1901.  
Chinese—18th of 4th moon of 27th year of Kwang-shi.  
Sun—Rises ..... 5hr. 16min.  
Sets ..... 6hr. 39min.  
High water—Morning ..... 9hr. 16min.  
Afternoon ..... 4hr. 43min.  
Low water—Morning ..... 3hr. 0min.  
Afternoon ..... 5hr. 46min.

##### ANNIVERSARIES.

1859—The Austrians defeated by the French at the Battle of Magenta.  
1886—Franco-Korean Treaty signed at Seoul.  
1887—German schooner *Wilhelm Meyer* burnt in Takow Harbour.  
1894—Death of Capt. Veyr from plague.  
1897—The West River opened to foreign trade.  
1898—H.M.S. *Pique* left for England.  
1899—Hyogo Canal in Japan opened.

##### TO-MORROW.

Wednesday, 5th June, 1901.  
Chinese—19th of 4th moon of 27th year of Kwang-shi.  
Sun—Rises ..... 5hr. 16min.  
Sets ..... 6hr. 39min.  
High water—Morning ..... 9hr. 30min.  
Afternoon ..... 4hr. 43min.  
Low water—Morning ..... 3hr. 30min.  
Afternoon ..... 5hr. 28min.

##### ANNIVERSARIES.

597—Baptism of Ethelbert by Augustine.  
1861—Attack on the British Embassy at Tokio.  
1875—Departure of the first O. & S. steamer from Hongkong for San Francisco.  
1891—Anti-foreign riot at Wusueh; Messrs. Argent and Green murdered.  
1897—Anglo-Chinese Agreement signed at Peking.  
1898—400 houses destroyed by fire at Kiriin.  
1899—H. of C. pass bill for £30,000 to Lord Kitchener.  
1899—Viceroy Liu receives edict to oppose European landing on his coast.  
1900—Capture of Pretoria officially reported by Earl Roberts.

##### AGENDA.

##### TO-DAY.

Cargo ex *Glenloch* subject to rent.

##### TO-MORROW.

Noon—C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* leaves for Vancouver B.C. via Shanghai, etc.  
Noon—E. & A. Co.'s steamer *Airlie* leaves for Kobe.  
Cargo ex *Strasbourg* subject to rent.

##### THURSDAY, 6th.

4 p.m.—I. C. Co.'s steamer *Yuensang* leaves for Manila.  
Cargo ex *Nippon Maru* subject to rent.

##### FRIDAY, 7th.

Daylight—N. Y. K. steamer *Tosa Maru* leaves for Yokohama, (direct).  
(About)—P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Chusan* leaves for Shanghai.  
5 p.m.—C. M. Co.'s steamer *Perla* leaves for Manila.

##### SATURDAY, 8th.

Noon—P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Coromandel* with mails etc. leaves for Europe.

##### SUNDAY, 9th.

Daylight—O. S. K. Co.'s steamer *Daijin Maru* leaves for Coast Ports.  
Cargo ex *Java* subject to rent.

##### MONDAY, 10th.

4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Kaga Maru* leaves for Victoria B.C. and Seattle U.S.A. via Shanghai, etc.  
Cargo ex *Ching* subject to rent.

#### SHIPPING GAZETTE.

IN future the *Telegraph* shipping form supplied to Captains of vessels will contain, a heading for notices of officers and engineers transferred or on leave, etc. Friends will much oblige by giving this information:—

May 29th.

Captain W. Blake, from home leave, resumes command of the *Kwangtung*.  
Captain Jenkins, has been appointed in command of the s.s. *Chuan Shan*.  
Mr. J. D. Jenkins has been appointed chief officer of the s.s. *Chuan Shan*.  
Mr. W. Merry, second engineer of the s.s. *Chuan Shan*, has resigned.  
Mr. W. Anderson, 3rd engineer of the s.s. *Chuan Shan* has been promoted to 2nd engineer, vice Mr. Merry, resigned.

June 3rd.

Mr. J. McGinty, Chief Officer of the *Esmeralda* has been promoted to Captain of that vessel.  
Mr. P. G. Ashion, Second Officer of the *Perla* has been promoted to Chief Officer.  
Mr. P. Skillan, Third Officer of the *Perla*, has been promoted to Second Officer.  
Mr. G. A. Morse has been appointed Third Officer of the *Perla*.

June 4th.

Mr. E. B. Hankey, Chief Engineer, s.s. *Woosung*, has been transferred to s.s. *Chefoo*.  
Mr. McGavin, Chief Engineer, s.s. *Chefoo*, has been transferred to s.s. *Woosung*.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

##### MAILS DUE.

French (*Sydney*) to-morrow.  
English (*Chusan*) 6th instant.  
American (*Peru*) 9th instant.  
German (*Kiautschou*) 11th instant.  
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 17th instant.  
American (*Coptic*) 18th instant.

The H. A. L. steamer *C. Ferd. Laeiz*, from Hamburg left Singapore for this port to-day, the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 10th inst.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Kiautschou* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 13th May left Singapore on Friday p.m., the 31st ult., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 11th inst.

#### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

U.S.S. *Bennington* ... at Kowloon Dock.  
Union ..... " "  
Hesper ..... " "  
St. Enoch ..... " "  
Prometheus ..... " "  
Juno ..... " "  
Iris ..... " "  
Burnside ..... " "  
Meade ..... " "  
Athenian ..... " "  
Colombus ..... " "  
Arlie ..... " "  
München ..... " "  
Simonsen ..... " "  
Universe ..... " "

#### PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—14th May—*Benlawers, Glaucus, Malaya, Hudson, Sydney, Sambla*. 17th May—*Fulminator, Alcinous, Rhein, Crusader, Devonshire, Imogene*. 24th May—*Ixion, Hyson, Sado Maru, Min, Ranshan, Shirley*. 28th May—*Silesia*, (German) *Agamemnon, Pioneer*. 31st May—*Benalder*.

Homeward—17th May—*Idomeneus, Marburg, Tantalus, Silesia, Princess Irene*. 31st May—*Yarra, Trieste, Ajax*.

Arrivals at Home—18th May—*Feldbur, König Albert, Stentor*. 24th May—*R. Morroco*. 28th May—*Occident, Sankai Maru, Idomeneus, Sibilia, Puritan*. 31st May—*Princess Irene, Annam, Tantalus, Malaya*.

#### Shipping.

##### Arrivals.

KANAGAWA MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,822. John McKenzie, 3rd June—Antwerp 21st April, via London, Port Said, Colombo and Singapore 29th May, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,120, J. Dowson, 3rd June—Shanghai 31st May, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
KONG BENG, German steamer, 862, C. Sohner, 3rd June—Bangkok 28th May, Rice—General—Melchers & Co.  
HSIEH HO, British steamer, 1,082, A. A. Crawford, 3rd June—Wuhu and Chinkiang, 30th May, General—Siemssen & Co.  
HINSANG, British steamer, 1,560, P. M. B. Lake, 3rd June—Hongay 1st June, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
CHELYDRA, British steamer, 1,567, R. Cox, 3rd June—Calcutta, 15th May, Penang and Singapore 2



## Mails.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| STEAMERS.      | DESTINATIONS.  | SAILING DATES.                   |
|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| KANAGAWA MARU  | KOBE and YOKOHAMA  | THURSDAY, 6th June, at Daylight. |
| TOSA MARU      | YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)  | FRIDAY, 7th June, at Noon.       |
| KAGA MARU      | VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, KOBE, MOJI and YOKOHAMA  | MONDAY, 10th June, at 4 P.M.     |
| SHINANO MARU   | MARSEILLES, LONDON & BARRROW, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID | FRIDAY, 14th June, at Daylight.  |
| KAGOSHIMA MARU | MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA  | TUESDAY, 18th June, at Noon.     |
| SADO MARU      | KOBE and YOKOHAMA  | FRIDAY, 21st June, at Daylight.  |
| YAWATA MARU    | NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA  | FRIDAY, 21st June, at Noon.      |
| MIKE MARU      | BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO  | FRIDAY, 21st June, at Noon.      |
| HITACHI MARU   | MARSEILLES, LONDON & BARRROW, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID | FRIDAY, 28th June, at Daylight.  |
| ROSETTA MARU   | SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE                          | FRIDAY, 28th June, at 4 P.M.     |

\* Through Passengers' Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

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A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1901.

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)   | Tuesday, 11th June, at Noon.  |
| AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)  | Thursday, 14th July, at Noon. |
| HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | Tuesday, 30th July, at Noon.  |

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|
| Braemar      | 3,601 | W. Watt       | June 7             |
| Duke of Fife | 3,821 | J. S. Cox     | June 28            |
| Olympia      | 2,837 | J. Truebridge | July 16            |

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"HILLGLEN" 14th June.

"LOWTHER CASTLE" 30th June.

"HEATHBURN" about 17th July.

"HUDSON" 25th July.

"JUPITER" 25th July.

"SATSUMA" 25th July.

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| "PERU"           | TUESDAY, 18th June, at Noon.    |
| "COPTIC"         | THURSDAY, 27th June, at Noon.   |
| "CITY OF PEKING" | SATURDAY, 13th July, at Noon.   |
| "GABLIC"         | TUESDAY, 23rd July, at Noon.    |
| "CHINA"          | TUESDAY, 6th August, at Noon.   |
| "DORIC"          | THURSDAY, 15th August, at Noon. |

THE P.M. Company's Steamship "PERU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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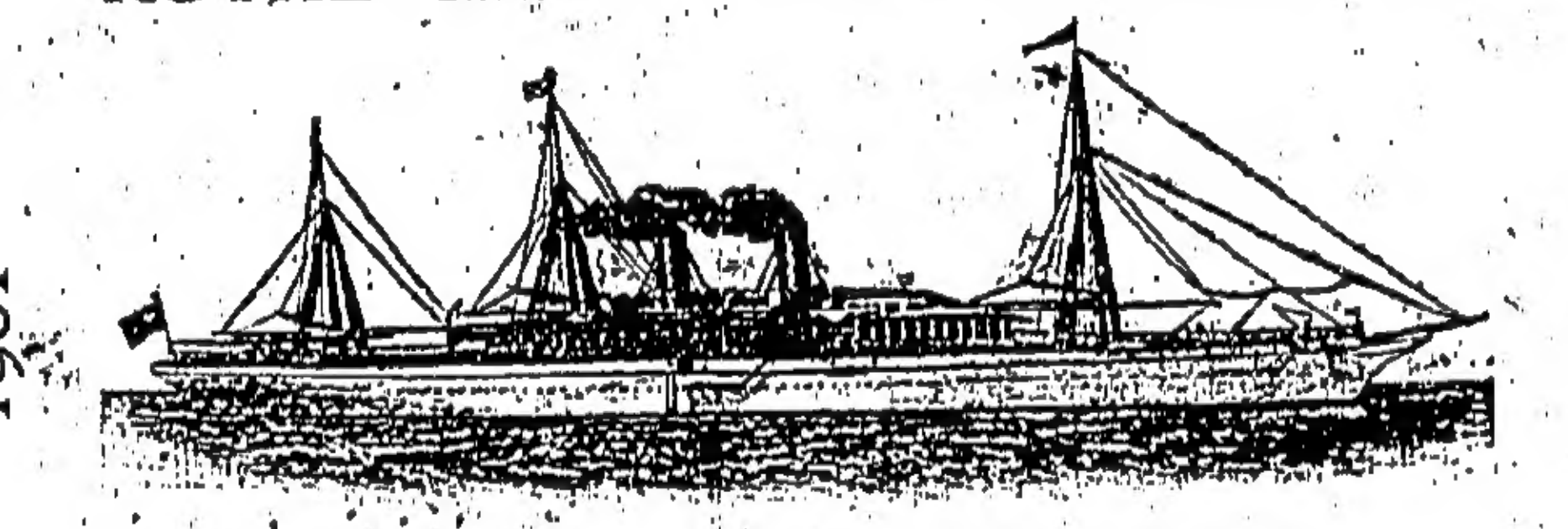
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GEORGE ECKLEY,  
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Hongkong, 1st June, 1901.

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Hongkong, 15th May, 1901.

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|-----------------------|------------|------------|
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|                       | "ALCINOUS" | 14th June. |

## HOMEWARDS.

| FOR                            | STEAMERS.  | TO SAIL    |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| LONDON                         | "DARDANUS" | 11th June. |
| " "                            | "MACHONIS" | 25th June. |
| LIVERPOOL (DIRECT)             | "PROTEUS"  | 9th July.  |
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Hongkong, 4th June, 1901.

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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1901.

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## THE Company's Steamship

## "DAIJIN MARU."

Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 9th instant.

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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1901.

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## FOR ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

## THE Company's Steamship

## "MAIDZURU MARU."

Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th June.

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Hongkong, 31st May, 1901.

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Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1901.

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Captain Warner, will be despatched for the above Port, on or about the 20th June, 1901.

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1901.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1901.

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## THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1901.

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## Intimations.

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SIGNOR CATTANEO, having returned to the Colony, has resumed Tuition.

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## MAIL NEWS.

(Via Australia.)

LONDON, May 31st.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

A Blue Book has been issued in connection with Sir Henry Colville's case. It contains a despatch which had been overlooked through being pigeon-holed. In this despatch Sir Henry Colville describes an unsuccessful attack upon Cronje's laager, on February 8th of last year. Describing the operations, Sir Henry Colville says:—"Lord Kitchener directed me to send Major-General Smith-Dorrien, with all available fresh troops, to make a determined assault, and to send Colonel Aldworth across the drift with the Canadian and Highlanders co-operating. Major-General Smith-Dorrien delivered the attack with extraordinary courage and determination, but I regret that it resulted in the death of Colonel Aldworth and the loss of a considerable number of officers and men."

Further details have been received of the fighting at Mahabuta, in Zululand, where the Resident Magistrate's staff and 20 police were stated to have repulsed a force of 400 Boers. The Magistrate, accompanied by 26 Europeans, marched by night. The Boers, in the number of 400, were on Nekongeni Nek, along the whole extent of the range, and on a portion of the Umlali plain. They used expanding bullets. At daybreak they were driven from the summit of the hills. The British extended along the Boer line, each fighting independently. Most of the casualties were among the party engaged in dislodging the enemy on Mougani Hill, where they were sheltered by ditches and trees. Five of the British succeeded in checking the enemy's advance upon the plain. Finally the enemy were driven across the border, carrying their dead with them. Lord Kitchener has asked to be furnished with the names of those of the British force who specially distinguished themselves in the engagement.

Mr. Piet De Wet, brother of General De Wet, who has been working hard in the interests of peace, has issued a report at Bloemfontein with regard to the result of his efforts. He lays special emphasis on the refusal of Mr. Theron, the leader of the Afrikaner Bond in Cape Colony, to recognise the Boer peace envoys. He asserts that the ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church also refused to act in the interests of peace unless the independence of the Republics were first acknowledged.

Fifty thousand pounds' worth of Mr. Kruger's unsigned bank notes have been seized by the British at Rossenek, in the eastern Transvaal. The British also captured a quantity of correspondence, which included letters written by Mr. Kruger to Mr. Schalk Burger, the acting President, and Mr. F. W. Rietz, State Secretary, respecting the Cape invasion. Lists of the names of burghers on commando were discovered, and also a scheme for the formation of a corps of train wreckers.

Several farmers in the Colesberg district of Cape Colony have been sentenced in terms of imprisonment, varying from six to twelve months, for misleading the British troops and for not reporting the movements of the enemy. The Maxim which was captured by the Australian Bushmen from Commandant Schroeder, in the eastern Transvaal, was one of those lost by Dr. Jameson during his famous raid into the Transvaal early in 1896.

Mr. Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that the constitution of the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies would be defined by letters patent, promulgated by proclamation in each colony.

The Boers who are still in the field are suffering from the extreme cold, and also on account of their insufficient food supplies.

Small parties of Boers continue to surrender daily. The War Office is more hopeful of a speedy termination of the war than at any time for weeks past.

## L'HOMME INCOMPRIS.

[FROM PUNCH.]

[Mr. Pinero recently confessed that he could not write a play about the middle-classes. In his search for dramatic complications suitable for representation on the stage he found himself compelled to place his characters higher in the social scale.]

I am a hard-worked city clerk, my salary is small,

My social status hardly worth considering at all.

I've a wife and several children and the hardest heart might bleed

If it saw my weekly income and the mouths it has to feed.

For years I've borne my poverty in uncomplaining fashion

Feeling confident my woes excited general compassion.

I knew my life was bitter, I imagined it was tragic,

And the thought sufficed to lighten grief and charmed my cares like magic!

When calamity opposed me I endured it like a stoic,

And took comfort in the thought that my behaviour was heroic;

But now I find that dramatists won't have me for a hero

And the dismal news has come from Mr. Arthur Wing Pinero

It seems he cannot weave a plot round men in humble stations,

He looks in-vain among them for dramatic complications,

He can people comedies with dukes and other titled asses.

But he cannot write a play about the lower middle classes,

I own I'm disappointed, for I always hoped one day

I should see my self presented as the hero of a play;

I pictured crowded audiences echoing my groans

Through several moving scenes by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones.

In vain! My hopes of figuring in drama were a dream,

No self-respecting dramatist will take me as his theme,

He cannot write a play about a pauper in an attic

For though it's sad that people starve it's very undramatic!

His subjects are the common ones, of love and death and marriage,

But his heroine's mamma will keep two footmen and a carriage,

For, if a playwright knows his work, he's very well aware

That heroines of comedies must live in Grosvenor Square.

He stimulates your sympathies for this attractive girl

By making her the daughter of a very wealthy earl,

While her lover's an affable, winning diplomatist,

A youth of most exalted birth but rather dubious morals.

Both pit and stalls are tortured by the fear he'll be rejected.

For though he is a shocking scamp he's very well connected.

So no one's really happy till these doubts are set at rest

And the too forgiving heroine has clasped him to her breast!

My readers will have gathered from this harrowing recital

That you cannot figure in a play unless you have a title,

There's therefore very little chance, as far as I can see,

That anyone will ever write a drama about ME.

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Allan, Mrs. W. J.  
Andrew, Miss  
Anderson, Mrs.  
Bryant, W. B. M.  
Bastchery, M. de  
Barton, A. L. L.  
Bijssinse, W. T.  
Benham, J.  
Burroughs, Miss  
Byron, A. C.  
Bourne, J. E.  
Bodemeier, H. H.  
Blass, A.  
Burden, A.  
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Cowie, E. H.  
Callester, Capt. V.  
Cowan, Mrs.  
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Cooke, L. F.  
Craig, J.  
Chaves, L. L.  
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Cruz, D. R.  
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Edmunds, H. W. S.  
Evans, D. A.  
Evans, W. A.  
Evans, Mrs.  
Egenas, Capt.  
Friedberg, F. E. E.  
Friedberg, S. S.  
Fobris, G.  
Freeman, Miss V. W.  
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Fuji, J. P.  
Foot, Capt. F.  
Fling, O. M.  
Frost, E. P.  
Forest, Miss A.  
Goetz, F.  
Georgeson, J.  
Grant, J. K.  
Grunstein, B.  
Gones, J.  
Greenwood, T.  
Green, Mrs. G.  
Garratt, S.  
Grimes, J. B.  
Gordon, J. A.  
Grant, A.  
Giorita, A. P.  
Griffin, C.  
Goodwin, H.  
Hardy, R. J.  
Hachet, H.  
Hoag, P. V.  
Hooley, F. G.  
Hovey, F. C.  
Hubb, C.  
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Hallard, F. J.  
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Hay, Rev. N. E.  
Hall, B.  
Hark, G.  
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Jenkins, C. M.  
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McGinn, Miss S.  
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Myer, J. D.  
Maitse, J. F.  
Mui, Miss A.  
Mein, W.  
Massen, S. H. B.  
MacCallen, D.  
McRobie, F.  
Mahlousky, P. von  
McMilne, Medical Officer  
Mackay, Miss  
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